



Student Weekly News

w/c 5 October 2026

KINDNESS WEEK

- ✓ Earn positives for being kind
- ✓ Kindness Poetry Competition
- ✓ Golden Tickets for the most 'kindness' positives
- ✓ Prizes for the winning poem(s)

Attendance Challenge

We are delighted to advise that 1030 students in Years 7 to 11 achieved 100% attendance during the September Attendance Challenge. Golden tickets have been emailed to you this week. You can track your Golden Tickets via the web based Arbor platform. We are thrilled to announce a new opportunity: trade in your golden ticket to receive three golden tickets in return.

You can win three golden tickets by achieving 100% attendance for the entirety of Autumn Term 1. Remember, that means 100% attendance up to the October half term.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event / Activity	Year Group
Fri 2 Oct	Training Day - school closed to students	All years
Sat 3 Oct	Year 6 Open Morning	Student Helpers Y7 and Y8
w/c 5 Oct	Kindness Week	Years 7 to 11
	School Councils Mon-Y11, Tue-Y10, Wed-Y9, Thu-Y8, Fri-Y7	Years 7 to 11
	House Cross Country	All years
Fri 9 Oct	Friday Night Lights Rugby, Yarnbury Rugby Club	
Sat 10 Oct	Rugby fixtures @ Harrogate Rugby Club	All years
w/c 12 Oct	Food Bank Donations - to the Atrium	All in Ventus
Fri 23 Oct	Show racism the red card event - more information to follow	Years 7 to 11

Assemblies

Day	Time	Year	Location	Additional Information
Monday	8.50am	7	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Tuesday	8.50am Period 4	11 10	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am Register in the Hall at noon
Wednesday	8.50am	8	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Thursday	8.50am	9	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am
Friday	8.50am 12.00pm	10 7	Hall	Register in the Hall from 8.40am Register in the Hall at noon

Changes to lunchtime arrangements next week

Due to issues with the ceiling in the left-hand side of the Hub we will need to make changes to lunch arrangements next week.

- Year 10 and 11 - to use the Hub. Please queue on the right-hand side as you approach the hub.
- Year 8 and 9 - to use the Hall. Year 9 to queue along the back corridor. Year 8 to make their way to the picnic/seating area and then queue along the back corridor when called.
- Year 7 - please use the quad or the Hub when called.
- Sustain has been moved and is now located outside the PE department. All year groups can purchase lunch from sustain.
- Food in the Hub and Hall will be served in takeaway boxes which you may take outside to your year group area. Please dispose of used boxes in the waste bins provided.

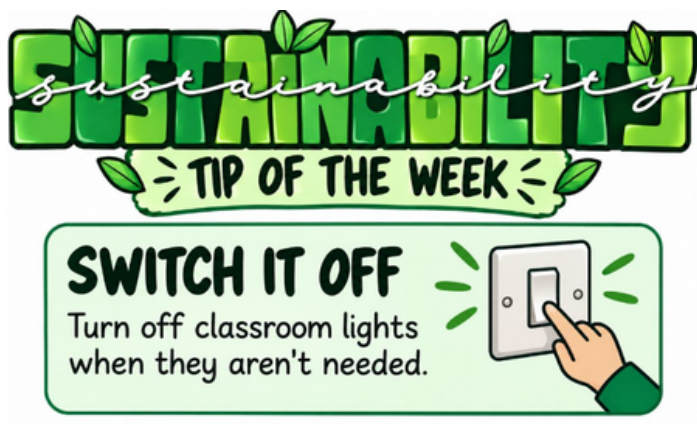
Year 7 and 8 Halloween Disco

Tickets now on sale via Arbor Parent App within the Trips section.

£5 per ticket, with all monies raised going towards the school charity. Limited number of tickets available on a first come first served basis.

Prizes for the spookiest costume

Friday 16 October
6pm to 7.30pm



Kindness Week

Earn positives for being kind!



MANNERS MONDAY

Use respectful language, listen without interrupting, and treat shared spaces with care.



THOUGHTFUL TUESDAY

Include others, recognise when someone needs support, and think before you comment.



WELLBEING WEDNESDAY

Check in with someone, encourage healthy choices, and help create a calm, respectful environment.



THANKFUL THURSDAY

Acknowledge someone's effort, show appreciation to staff and peers, and celebrate progress.



FRIENDLY FRIDAY

Welcome people, challenge exclusion, and be a reliable, supportive friend.

Kindness Poetry Competition

During kindness week, we will be running a poetry competition. This is open to all students in Years 7 to 11. Can you write a poem about kindness? The title of the poem should be "One act of kindness". We cannot wait to read your poems.

Please email your poem to Mrs Jackson
jackson1@hgs.rklt.co.uk by 5pm Friday 9 October.

There will be prize(s) for the winning poem(s).



Golden tickets will be awarded to the students with the most "kindness" positives in the week.



Every kind action counts!

Mental Health Awareness Day - Saturday 10 October

Every year World Mental Health Day is celebrated on 10 October. This year the theme is Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change. Conversations about mental health make a difference. And they matter most when we listen to people's experiences.

World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health. We recognise it is important to open up the discussion around mental health. Students can talk to any member of staff in school, including their Form Tutor and Year Manager.

We encourage anyone who is struggling with their mental health to reach out. Further support can be found with:

CALM helpline - 0800 58 58 58

MIND helpline - 01423 503335



House Cross Country

The first house event of this academic year will be Cross Country.

Further details can be found opposite including when your cross country event will take place and what to bring.



CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

STARTING WEEK COMMENCING 28TH SEPTEMBER

WEEK B - 28TH SEPTEMBER

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday B 28 th					8c	8c
Tuesday B 29 th		7b				
Wednesday B 30 th	7d	7d	10l	10l		
Thursday B 1 st	8d	8d	9b	9b	9d	9d
Friday B 2 nd	Training Day					

WEEK A - 5TH OCTOBER

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday A 5 th Oct	7a	7a	8b	8b	9a	9a
Tuesday A 6 th Oct						
Wednesday A 7 th Oct	10r	10r	7c	7c		
Thursday A 8 th Oct	9c	9c	8a	8a		
Friday A 9 th Oct			11r	11r	11l	11l

EVENT LAYOUT

- Follow the marked route and PE teachers' and sports leaders' instructions
- Boys and girls line up separately after finishing
- PE teachers and sports leaders positioned around the course

DON'T FORGET TO BRING

- ✓ PE Kit
- ✓ Football boots or old trainers suitable for muddy conditions
- ✓ Spare bag for muddy kit
- ✓ Towel

PUSH YOURSELF • EARN HOUSE POINTS • REPRESENT YOUR FORM

SEE YOUR PE TEACHER IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

HOUSE FOOD BANK CHALLENGE

Take part, make a difference and earn positives!

Each house will take it in turns to collect food for the food bank. Bring in donations during your house's week and help support people in our local community.

VENTUS

W/c 12 Oct

TERRA

W/c 7 Dec

AQUA

W/c 25 Jan

IGNIS

W/c 8 Mar

WHOLE SCHOOL

W/c 12 July

Year 10 & 11 students

Alice in Wonderland Auditions will take place next week

All welcome

Wednesday 7 October
2.40pm to 4.30pm, Forum

HARROGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
KS4 & 5 PRESENTS

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Auditions Wednesday 7th October, 2:40-4:30, Forum.
Y10-13 all welcome!
Nothing to prepare! Come along and get involved!



Click on the image above to access our sports fixture list

Cancelled Clubs next week

Termly Curriculum Overviews

The termly curriculum overviews are a great tool to check what you will be studying this term.

Click on the links opposite for your year group and select a subject to see what topics you will cover this year.

[Year 7, 8 and 9](#)

[Year 10 and 11](#)

[Year 12](#)

[Year 13](#)

Wellbeing and Mental Health Support

The school has strong links with local agencies and organisations which offer mental health support services. Click on [this link](#) to access more information.



REACH Out app

Our school does not tolerate bullying or harassment of any member of our community and all incidents are taken seriously. If you experience or witness this, please click the REACH Out button on your iPad.



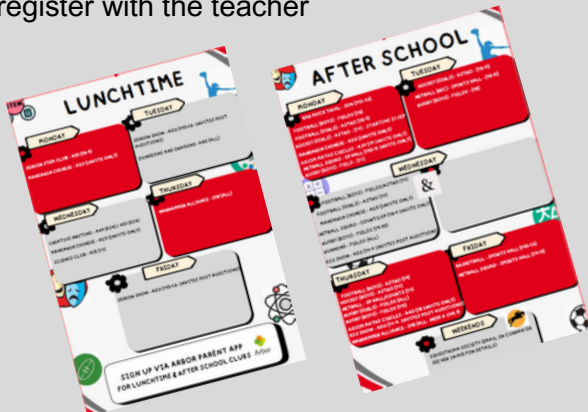
Extra-Curricular Clubs

Have you signed up for a lunchtime and/or after school club?

What club would you like to attend? Maybe a sports club, minecraft club, warhammer club, choir, drama, jazz band or a science club. Further details of what clubs are available can be found at the back of the newsletter.

How to sign up for a club?

- Please ask your parent/carer to sign up via the Arbor app within the Clubs section
- Make your way to the club/activity for the advertised start time and register with the teacher



PRE-ORDERS NOW AVAILABLE

DELICIOUS SANDWICHES & SANDWICH MEAL DEAL

ORDER VIA THE QR CODE OPPOSITE

ORDER BY 9AM FOR SAME DAY COLLECTION

COLLECT FROM THE HUB AT LUNCHTIME

SHOW YOUR CONFIRMATION EMAIL TO COLLECT YOUR PRE-ORDER



Information for Year 11

Have you booked your place on the open evening for Sixth Form?

Come and look round the Sixth Form on Wednesday 21 October evening, to hear more about the range of courses that we offer, learn more about Sixth Form culture and meet current Sixth Form students.

Book your place via [this link](#).

Year 11 Revision Support Sessions - Science

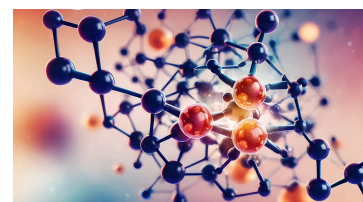
To support Year 11 students in the build up to their mock examinations the Science faculty will be running revision sessions on Monday evening. These will take place in A16 and will run from 15:30 - 16:30. They will focus on the following areas:

Date	Subject	Topic
5 October 26	Biology	Organisation with a focus on enzymes
12 October 26	Chemistry	Structure and bonding exam skills
19 October 26	Physics	Electricity with a focus on I-V characteristics
2 November 26	Science	Exam Skills

**Monday after school
3.30pm to 4.30pm**

**All sessions relevant for
all Year 11 students.**

Location: A16



Parent Information - Years 7 to 11

Yew Tree Lane Road Closure - from Monday 5 October

We have been informed by Yorkshire Water that Yew Tree Lane will be closed for five days from Monday 5 October. Further details regarding this closure can be found on [this link](#).

A signed diversion will be in place via Whinney Lane and Hill Top Lane.

As this road closure will cause some disruption for families travelling to and from school via these routes, it is recommended that you allow a little extra time for your journey. Yorkshire Water have informed all school bus companies.

**ROAD
CLOSED**



North Yorkshire School Transport - Consultation - message from North Yorkshire Council

Have your say on proposed changes to North Yorkshire Council's Home to School Travel Policy.

Following a Post Implementation Review of the updated Home to School Travel policy introduced in 2024, North Yorkshire Council is inviting views on a number of recommended changes. The consultation is open now and runs until 4 November 2026.

The review found that the policy is largely working as intended, helping to create a fairer and more consistent approach to transport eligibility while remaining in line with national guidance and on track to deliver planned savings. It also identified areas where improvements could be made.

Executive member for education, learning and skills, Cllr Annabel Wilkinson, said:

- "We know that school travel arrangements are incredibly important to families and that the changes introduced in 2024 have affected some households more than others. "When the policy changed, we promised to review how it was working in practice and to listen to the experiences of families.
- We have carefully considered feedback from parents and carers, schools and other stakeholders, alongside appeals, complaints and operational data.
- "We would encourage people to take part as this is your opportunity to have your say and help us to shape the future of our home to school travel policy in North Yorkshire."

If any recommendations are approved, they would not take effect before September 2027 and will apply to children starting in Reception and Year 7 in September 2028. Families should continue to make school preference decisions based on the existing arrangements while this process is completed.

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Eligibility for free travel would continue to be based on a child's nearest suitable school with available places. The review does not propose a return to catchment-based transport eligibility.

Find out more about the review and take part in the consultation at www.northyorks.gov.uk/PIRsurvey.

Parent Communications this week

Parent communications that have been sent this week:

- Attendance update - September Challenge

